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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Background Session to Prepare for Testimony
before the SSCI on the INF Treaty

1. On 13 January 1988 at 1000 hours in 1E4809, George Tenet and Gary Sojka, SSCI met with [] ACIS to discuss the areas to be covered for testimony prepared for the Committee on the INF Treaty. 25X1

2. The staffers are waiting until the Estimate on INF is published, probably 15 January, before structuring the hearings. They have promised to share their questions for the Members with us.

3. Tenet says that the data exchange with the Soviets will be a major issue and the staffers plan to go into a lot of detail on this topic when they prepare the Members. He asked that we be prepared to discuss:

- The data
- Divergence of views in Intelligence Community
- Methodology(CIA and DIA)
- What was given by the Soviets
- How the data was given
- Why it is structured this way

The data issue could be the starting point for the hearings. Chris Straub, a retired Army Lt Colonel, who is Senator Holling's designee, will be working on the data issue for the Committee. Gary Sojka met with General Peroots and says the data issue is a primary concern at DIA and that they would like to present this at the hearing. [] had no problem with a DIA presentation. 25X1

3. The 2 February session on monitoring will cover the initial issues and questions with the negotiators. The committee plans to get the negotiating history. On problem areas, the Members want to know what input was made, [] and 25X1

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Larry Gershwin may want to have a CIA and DIA presence to speak on the specifics for their agencies. Topics to cover:

Issues of competing tasking
Availability of resources.

(Although this is also part of the collection session scheduled for 17 February with DDCI Gates, these topics are a part of monitoring and with the time lag to 17 Feb, are unlikely to take away from Mr. Gates' testimony.)

An outline of the cheating scenarios

with someone from CIA and DIA with the reputation and expertise to speak for the Community. This must also be tied to the JCS criteria. Sojka asked that ACIS, CIA and DIA meet with JCS to discuss their concerns.

The staff is still unsure how to treat the [redacted] 25X1 collection issues. Sven Holmes is preparing a very explicit letter to DDI Kerr on this matter.

4. For the 16 February session on Soviet incentives, John Depres is managing this portion and will discuss it with Agency reps when he returns to work next week. A heads-up on three questions:

What are the military incentives for the Soviets with, as well as without a START Treaty?

From the Intelligence Community's perspective, in the Brezhnev era, if the Soviets must pay for a military program, they did. Is this still true under Gorbachev?

Could the Soviets bear the cost of three mobile missile systems?

To properly consider this, the staffers have asked the CIA to cost out the difference between fielding two and three mobile missile systems. Is it high, low, marginal? Are the Soviets still willing to bear this cost?

Given the complexities of the issues, the staff is not sure whether this would be the appropriate session for the Director to present, but there are those in the Senate leadership that want the Directors (of CIA, NSA, DIA) present at some point in the hearings. The staffers are still trying to determine the most appropriate time for the DCI.

5. On the 17 February session on collection with Mr. Gates, Sojka has started a series of meetings with the organizations that direct collection, but at this time, nothing is settled. He did mention the on-site inspection team manager and that individual's role in developing collection strategies. Sojka suggested bringing Mr. Osias to this session.

6. Tentatively, the staff report may have a special annex on material that would contain more details than the prepared testimony. Sojka and Tenet were very vague on the content and were not sure it would be produced.

7. Members of the Committee on Armed Services will attend the sessions on 2 Feb., 16 Feb and 17 Feb. As yet, SSCI has not determined how to accommodate these additional members. This will be determined at the staff director levels.



8. The staffers will arrange for a pre-briefing rehearsal to be sure that there are no surprises at the actual hearings.


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